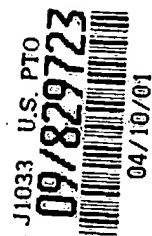


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:
M. Norton Gaddis
Application No. 60/196,456
Filed: 04/11/2000
For: Methods and apparatus for
creating image passwords

Group Art Unit:
Examiner:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The applicant submits the following list of patents as those being most closely related to applicant's invention:

(1) Yamamoto, 5,928,364 discloses a secret data storage device, secret data reading method, and control program storing medium. Yamamoto does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(2) Cyras, 5,889,866 discloses a method and apparatus for controlling access to detachable connectable computer devices using an encrypted password. Cyras does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(3) Swamy, 5,935,244 discloses a detachable I/O device for computer data security. Swamy does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

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(4) Dunham, 5,742,758 discloses a password protecting rom based utilities in an adapter rom. Dunham does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(5) Allen, 4,757,533 discloses a security system for microcomputers. Allen does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(6) McClung, 4,951,249 discloses a method and apparatus for controlled access to a computer system. Does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(7) Renton, 5,012,514 discloses a hard drive security system. Renton does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(8) Lipner, 5,210,795 discloses a secure user authentication from personal computer. Lipner does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(9) Golding, 5,265,163 discloses a computer system security device. Golding does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(10) Clark, 5,448,045 discloses a system for protecting computers via intelligent tokens or smart cards. Clark does not

disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(11) Cottrell, 5,465,084 discloses a method to provide security for a computer and a device therefore. Cottrell does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(12) Junya, 5,469,564 discloses a data storage device with enhanced data security. Junya does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(13) Russell, 5,481,265 discloses ergonomic customizable user/computer interface devices. Russell does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(14) Weiss, 5,485,519 discloses an enhanced security for a secure token code. Weiss does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(15) Mooney, 5,610,981 discloses a preboot protection for a data security system with anti-intrusion capability. Mooney does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(16) Jones, 5,623,637 discloses an encrypted data storage card including smartcard integrated circuit for storing an access password and encryption keys. Jones does not disclose storing a

digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(17) Keizer, 5,734,206 discloses a security power interrupt. Keizer does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(18) Mark, 5,825,871 discloses information storage device for storing personal identification information. Mark does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(19) Harmon, 5,925,128 discloses access control module for a personal computer. Harmon does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(20) Angelo, 5,949,882 discloses a method and apparatus for allowing access to secured computer resources by utilizing a password and an external encryption algorithm. Angelo does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

(21) Bowker, 5,963,657 discloses economical skin-pattern-acquisition and analysis apparatus for access control; systems controlled thereby. Bowker does not disclose storing a digitized image and assigning it to a keypad key, and comparing the two inputs at the time of entry.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith.

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